

# BALTIMORE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## SAINTS E-NEWS

August 25, 2009

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

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### **Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year!**

Please help us to welcome two new faculty members this year:

**Robin Bruck** has accepted the positions of co-director of STAR and Middle School English teacher. Most recently, Mrs. Bruck was the director of the Marion Program at Towson Catholic High School. She has a master’s degree in Special Education from Johns Hopkins University. Mrs. Bruck will be teaching STAR courses as well as Literature-8. Mrs. Bruck enjoys reading, scrapbooking, and traveling. She and her husband have two children.

**Christopher Scheufele** has accepted the position of instrumental music instructor. Mr. Scheufele will be teaching instrumental music and Middle School hand bells and chorus. Mr. Scheufele has a bachelor’s degree in Music Education from Towson University. He is a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Rosedale, where he is the contemporary worship leader. Mr. Scheufele is a guitarist, vocalist, and a D.J., and enjoys writing songs.

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### **Thursday Lunch**

The cheerleaders will be selling chick-fil-a sandwiches and nuggets at all lunches on Thursday. Cost is \$3.50 per sandwich and nugget. They will also be selling baked goods for \$.50.

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### **Middle School Mission Offering**

The Lord loves cheerful givers, and our middle schoolers will have ample opportunity again this year to receive much joy by giving to others. Our amazing middle school community plans to be Christ's hands and feet across the globe again this year. Digging deep into their own pockets, piggy banks, mattresses, and cookie jars, 6th through 8th graders will once again march out in support of our quarterly **Mission offering** projects. Anywhere we can help spread the Gospel and meet a physical need at the same time is a possible mission site. Students will hear more about the first project this following the first middle-school-only chapel service (Wed., Sept.

2nd). We thank all you parents in advance for your loving and prayerful support of all our efforts to feed His sheep.

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**Baltimore Lutheran School has updated its grading scale. The following scale will be used:**

<u>Percent</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>GPA</u>
98-100	A+	4.0	77-79	C+	2.33
94-97	A	4.0	73-76	C	2.0
90-93	A-	3.67	70-72	C-	1.67
87-89	B+	3.33	69	D+	1.33
83-86	B	3.0	66-68	D	1.0
80-82	B-	2.67	65	D-	1.0
			0-64	F	0.0

Students attaining a grade of 90% or better in an Honors course will have 3% added to their quarter grade. Students attaining 80-89% will have 2% added to their quarter grade. Students attaining a grade of 70-79% will have 1% point added to their quarter grade.

The decision to change the grading was based on the careful study of the following: the grading policies of other AIMS institutions; how students are assessed in the college application process; and the NCAA Clearinghouse academic eligibility requirements. Baltimore Lutheran School's grading scale now aligns with the majority of AIMS institutions. This alignment with other college preparatory schools' grading scales will benefit BLS students both in college admissions and in obtaining eligibility for Division I and Division II sports at NCAA institutions. We believe that by updating our grading scale, we have leveled the playing field for our students as they compete in the college admissions and athletic recruiting processes.

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### **FALL PLAY INFORMATION**

The fall theatrical production will be Ken Ludwig's comedy *Lend Me a Tenor*, a sensational farce set in 1934. Performances are scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm and November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Important Dates to Remember:

**Wednesday, August 26:** Brief meeting after school in Mrs. Johnson's room with explanations of the play/characters, auditions and basic practice schedule

**Thursday, August 27:** AUDITIONS held in Mrs. Johnson's room (3:45-6:30 pm) Bring a prepared monologue (preferably comedic)

**PLEASE NOTE: IF AUDITIONING FOR THE TWO LEAD MALE ROLES, YOU MUST BE WILLING TO SING**

**Friday, August 28:** Cast List will be posted outside Mrs. Johnson's room during the day; stage will be put up in small gym after school; please bring a change of clothes. After stage completion, read-through of script with entire cast (3:45-6:30 pm)

\*All interested actors should bring a prepared (memorized) monologue to the audition. Monologues should be age/language appropriate, and less than two minutes. If you do not have time to prepare a monologue, there will be several to choose from at the time of auditions. Interested students will also be asked to participate in cold readings from the script which includes reading with various combinations of other actors without much time for preparation. **Questions? Contact Mrs. Johnson at [jjohnson@baltimorelutheran.org](mailto:jjohnson@baltimorelutheran.org)**

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### **BLS Paper Recycling**

Did you know that we *earn* money for paper that is dropped off at our green and yellow recycling bin? Our recycling bin is located on the Pebble Beach Parking Lot. This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for Mission Outreach. It is easy to get started – just place an empty box near your trash can at home and place your paper in the box! Bring your paper to school once a week! If dropping off shredded paper – please put it in a bag. If dropping off theme books – please take off the front and back hardcover – the metal spiral may remain intact. You do not need to remove staples from paper. ***Please, no cardboard.***

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**INNISBROOK FALL FUNDRAISER STARTS NOW!** Students have until **September 18** to sell enough items to qualify for the prizes Baltimore Lutheran School is offering. These prizes are listed on the golden sheet found in each packet. There has been one change to the prizes due to a change on the school calendar made after the printing of the "BLS Incentive List For Fall 2009." **NOTE: Category "E--Sell 15 to 24 items. . . Pasta Party," should now read:** "Category E--Sell 15 to 24 items. . .Pasta Plate. Thursday, October 29 (during lunch)--spaghetti/meat sauce, bread, beverage, dessert PLUS 25 door prizes (Panera Bread for a year, Pizza Hut large pizza, EmbroidMe printed T-shirts, Mars/Weis gift certificates)." Students will also receive the items in Categories A-D as well.

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### **E-Scrip Shopping**

Spread the word – the 2009 10% Goes Back to Schools Program has started. Shop now until September 15<sup>th</sup> to earn 10% on thousands of participating products at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).

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### **Senior Portraits**

Senior Portraits should have been taken over the summer. If you need to make an appointment for the portraits call A Perfect Image 410-560-7908. For information email Martha Bainbridge-[mbainbridge@baltimorelutheran.org](mailto:mbainbridge@baltimorelutheran.org)

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### Opportunities for Travel

Would you like to join us on the Europe trip for summer of 2010? We are going to Switzerland and Italy. If you wish to inquire please see Mr. Johnson [bjohnson@baltimorelutheran.org](mailto:bjohnson@baltimorelutheran.org) or Mrs. Schafer [jschafer@baltimorelutheran.org](mailto:jschafer@baltimorelutheran.org) . Come to room 8 for a brochure and information.

Mission trip to Costa Rica is in the works for February 2010. We are looking for students that would like to join the Servant Event Team to work in the village of La Paz. If you have an interest please see Mrs. Schafer in room 8. This is the new Tropical Hut location. Send an email to [thetropicalhut@gmail.com](mailto:thetropicalhut@gmail.com) for information.

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### Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament will take place on Friday, October 16, 2009 at Diamond Ridge Golf Course. The cost is \$110 per golfer if registered by October 1 and \$125 per golfer if registered after October 1. This price includes greens fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, beverages, and prizes. Register early – send name, address, home and cell phone numbers and e-mail address for each golfer along with registration fee to BLS Golf, Baltimore Lutheran School, 1145 Concordia Drive, Towson MD 21286. The event is limited to the first 128 golfers. For more information or to register, you may contact Lois Natarajan at 410-825-2323 ext 273 or [lnatarajan@baltimorelutheran.org](mailto:lnatarajan@baltimorelutheran.org).

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### Baltimore Lutheran PTL *Alliance*

*Our love must not be a thing of words and fine talk, it must be a thing of action and sincerity... (John 3:18)*

The BLS PTL *Alliance* is a vibrant team of volunteers from the Baltimore Lutheran School community. This team is comprised of students, the parents of students (past and present), teachers, school administrators, and alumni. We come together in fellowship and in faith to help Baltimore Lutheran succeed with its mission, and to assist the school with maintaining its status of being one of the best, private, Christian educational institutions in Maryland!

**Please consider joining us! Our First meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm. in the BLS Cafeteria.**

The sharing of your talents, creativity, and time will enrich the academic experiences of our students and the effectiveness of our faculty and administration. The BLS PTL *Alliance* has several committees to choose from:

**Beautification** - (campus: grounds, buildings, streets)

**Cultural** - (Saints' Spirit: morale, mentoring, fellowship)

**Alumni** - (tracking, communication, involvement)

**Communications** - (keeping the BLS family informed)

**Supportive Campaigns** - (BLS financial support, class budgets)

If you are reluctant to join one of these committees, then we encourage you to respond to the various PTL *Alliance* calls for support and service throughout the year when we solicit for volunteers via email and campus postings. Your involvement one way or another will shine as a Christian example to our students and the BLS community!

**For more information, please visit our website: [www.blsalliance.org](http://www.blsalliance.org)**

**Or contact the BLS PTL *Alliance* leadership at:**

Susan Chaudron (President) – [chaudron@mdonline.net](mailto:chaudron@mdonline.net)

Amy Elbers (Vice-president) - [amyelbers@gmail.com](mailto:amyelbers@gmail.com)

Eleni Roros (Secretary) - [seroros@verizon.net](mailto:seroros@verizon.net)

Chris Rabenau (Treasurer) – [chris.rabenau@verizon.net](mailto:chris.rabenau@verizon.net)

Vince Rabenau (Member at Large) – [vincent.p.rabenau@verizon.com](mailto:vincent.p.rabenau@verizon.com)

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**Baltimore Lutheran Yearbook Order Form**

**2009-2010**

**SAVE UP TO \$15**

**BY ORDERING YOUR ALL COLOR YEARBOOK EARLY!!!**

**Early Bird Sale (August 24-September 30)**

**Cost=\$60.00**

Fall Sales Drive (October 1-December 31)

Cost =\$70.00

Spring Sales Drive (January 1-April 30)

Cost =\$75.00

**1. Pay with your credit card ONLINE ONLY at any time by going to [www.yearbooksonsale.com](http://www.yearbooksonsale.com).** Follow the instructions to purchase your yearbook. You do not need to send anything to the school. We will be able to track sales online.

**2. Pay with cash or check made out to Baltimore Lutheran School.** Students must bring this order form and their payment to Miss Bainbridge in room 3 before or after school only. Yearbooks will not be sold during the school day. DO NOT leave money in Miss Bainbridge's mailbox or on her desk, as she cannot guarantee that it will be received.

**GIVE YEARBOOK MONEY TO MISS BAINBRIDGE ONLY!!!**

**Please print the information below.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Homeroom Teacher/Advisor:*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Type:**  Cash  Check (Check #: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Please retain your copy of your yearbook receipt as you will need it as proof of purchase when the yearbooks arrive in the spring.**